

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**San Juan WS - Grazingland**

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| <b>Program:</b>                                | <b>Ranking Date:</b> | <b>Application Number:</b> |
| <b>Ranking Tool:</b> San Juan WS - Grazingland |                      | <b>Applicant:</b>          |
| <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>                    |                      | <b>Address:</b>            |
| <b>Planner:</b>                                | <b>Telephone:</b>    |                            |
| <b>Farm Location:</b>                          |                      |                            |

**National Priorities Addressed**

| <b>Issue Questions</b>   | <b>Responses</b>                                      |
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| <b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>   |   |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>  |   |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?                 | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>   |   |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>  |   |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>  |   |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>                 |   |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>                                       |   |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:  |   |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions:  |   |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

#### State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Has any portion of the offered acres been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

#### Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. Will Integrated Pest Management (IPM) be implemented in the contract?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Applicant has not had an EQIP contract within the last 5 years?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP or any other USDA program contract within the last 4 years?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP contract 2 years into the contract?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Has applicant completed an EQIP contract within the last 2 years?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Applicant does not have a current EQIP contract?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Does contract area include T&E species (animals or plants), and contract will address beneficial use to these species?                       | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Will contracted area include more than 1 landuse?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Does contract area fall within 6-digit watershed listed within 303(d) list?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Will contracted conservation practices increase diversity of desirable plants?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Does contract area include streams or riparian areas and have conservation practices addressing those concerns?                             | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. Can the feed and forage on the contracted acreage be balanced of the planned periods of use without feeding any supplemental hay?           | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Does producer participate in Nutritional balancer (NutBal)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. Does contract include fencing for 1 or 2 additional pastures that will be used in a grazing system to reduce the average grazing period?    | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. Does contract include fencing for 3 or 4 additional pastures that will be used in a grazing system to reduce the average grazing period?    | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. Does contract include fencing for 4 or more additional pastures that will be used in a grazing system to reduce the average grazing period? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 18. Does contract provide watering facilities for all pastures?                              | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. Is the producer following a rotational grazing system with 3 or more pastures per herd?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. Is the producer following a switch-back grazing system resting pasture at least 45 days? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 21. Is the producer following a continuous grazing system and does grazing exceed 60 days?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. Does producer have a Coordinated Plan w/other Federal or State agencies?                 | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. Does the contract address energy conservation with Conservation Power Plant (716)        | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

**Land Use:**

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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**Ranking Score**

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| Efficiency:<br><br>Local Issues:<br><br>State Issues:<br><br>National Issues:<br><br><b>Final Ranking Score:</b> |
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| <b>NRCS Representative:</b><br><br><b>Signature Date:</b> | <b>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b><br><br><b>Signature Date:</b> |
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